

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 9 are currently pending in this application. Claims 23-27 have been canceled.

Rejection of Claims 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0032218 A1 (Huang) in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0167442A1 (Hagerty). Applicants note that claims 23-27 have been canceled and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Jones in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,344,906 B1 (Gatto). The Examiner correctly notes that Jones does not teach or disclose differentiating color image content from black and white image content. The Examiner contends that Gatto teaches differentiating color image content from black and white image content. The Examiner argues that it would have been obvious to combine the differentiation step of Gatto with the Jones device. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Neither Jones nor Gatto teach or disclose establishing page layouts for an unstructured PDF document or creating structure for each page layout as recited in independent claim 23 from which both claims 24 and 25 depend. As such, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) be withdrawn.

Allowable Claims

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 9 are allowable over the prior art of record.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 9, are in condition for allowance and request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he have any questions in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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